

Application No. 10/664,631
Amdt. dated 2 September 2009
Reply to Office Action of 6 May 2009

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

The application contains claims 1-4, 7-17, 20-34 and 37-47. Claims 1-3, 7-16, 20-33 and 37-47 are allowed. Claims 4, 17 and 34 have been canceled without prejudice. No new matter has been introduced. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 4, 17 and 34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. While disagreeing with the grounds of rejection, Applicant has canceled the rejected claims in order to expedite issuance of a patent on the allowed claims.

Applicant hereby requests reconsideration and reexamination thereof.

No further fee or petition is believed to be necessary. However, should any further fee be needed, please charge our Deposit Account No. 23-0920, and deem this paper to be the required petition.

With the above amendments and remarks, this application is considered ready for allowance and applicant earnestly solicits an early notice of same. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the subject application, he/she is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the below listed number.

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Respectfully submitted,



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